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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [274

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"W. W.,"

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [275

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my absence and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [273

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SCRIP No. 4,021 for 125 Shares in this Company numbered 37,171 to 37,295 standing in the Register in the name of Mr. ELLIS KELLY having been LOST, notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Scrip for the said 125 Shares will be issued Fourteen days hence, and that the original Scrip, unless produced within that period, will hereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [271

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE Office of the CHUNG NGOI SAN PO (CHINESE DAILY PRESS) will be closed from TO-MORROW, 28th instant, to 2nd proximo inclusive.

CHIU YU-TSUN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [276

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 2nd February:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.,
General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
L. KENNARD DAVIS,
Acting Agent.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents,

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

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FOR THE MAIL.

THE *HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS* will be ready To-MORROW and will contain:—

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St. George's Ball.
Burns Concert.
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1897.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897 [285

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LOONGMOON,"

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [277

FOR SINGAPORE, MARSEILLES, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to Antwerp, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Lisbon, Oporto, London, Liverpool, and Bremen.)

THE Steamship

"SENTA,"

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [286

INTIMATIONS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

ANIMATED by a desire to draw attention to the material benefits attaching to life assurance on modern principles, the undersigned has resolved to offer three prizes of $100, $50, and $25 respectively, for the best three examples of advertisements dealing with the excellent system of the EQUITABLE.

The system in itself is so simple and perfect that it may be understood by every person; therefore this competition is thrown open to men, women, and children in China, Hongkong, and Japan. It is commended to men, as relieving them of an immense responsibility; to women, as securing to them the happiness and maintenance of home; and to children, as providing for their education and future.

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3.—The competition may be in prose or verse.

4.—The award will be made within ten days, that is, on or before 26th April; and the prize advertisements will be published in due course; the right of publication of the contributions of non-prize-winners being reserved.

5.—Competitors who prefer that their names should not be made public should express their desire at the foot of their contributions, furnishing a cipher with their address in separate cover.

6.—Any information required may be had on personal application to the Shanghai Office. Prospectuses, etc., will be supplied on request.

7.—Contributions to be addressed to

J. T. HAMILTON,
General Manager,
Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States,
No. 6, The Bund, Shanghai.

a830] HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 30th inst., at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [168

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, at NOON on SATURDAY, 6th February, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th inst. to the 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. [251

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 29th January, to Tuesday, the 9th February, 1897 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [223

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897 [267

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED AND REDUCED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meetings of Shareholders of the above Company held on the 14th and 30th of December, 1896, 50,000 of the new Issue of PREFERENCE SHARES of $1.00 each will be offered to the Shareholders on the Register in proportion to their holdings. The REGISTER will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th day of February, 1897, both days inclusive.

All Preference Shares must be applied and paid for on or before the 15th day of February, 1897.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [138

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

ON and after the 29th JANUARY, 1897, this AGENCY will REMOVE TO and TRANSACT BUSINESS at its Temporary Office, No. —, DES VŒUX ROAD (New Reclamation Ground and Praya Central).

NAO NABEKRA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [255

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 4,516, dated 6th April, 1895, for Eight Shares, Nos. 8,013/8,020 and 12,704/12,709, in this Company, standing in the name of THE RIGHT REVEREND DOM ANTONIO JOAQUIM DE MEDEIROS, BISHOP OF MACAO, as "PRESIDENTE DA COMMISSAO ADMINISTREATIVA DE COFRE DOS POBRES," has been LOST, and if at the Expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [281

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FANCY GLASSWARE FOR TABLE DECORATION.

TOILET SETS (DOUBLE AND SINGLE).

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [a26

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [a29

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 34.

IT is hereby notified that the Hongkong Volunteer Corps are to carry out GUN PRACTICE from STONECUTTERS' ISLAND in Westerly and South-Westerly directions on TUESDAY, the 2nd February, 1897, from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M.

All Ships, Junks, and Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [264

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 30th January.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., H.E. Major-General W. BLACK, C.B., and By special request of several leading residents of the Colony.

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SAM MARKS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [268

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give Performances of "LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE" ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—

SATURDAY, the 13th February, 1897.
MONDAY, the 15th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1897.
MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897.
WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897.

Full particulars as to Booking, &c., will be given later.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1897. [214

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the BRANCH REGISTER of the above Company hitherto kept in Hongkong WILL BE REMOVED to SINGAPORE on the 31st instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors in London.

C. B. BROOKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [279

THE DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER of the above Society will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB on WEDNESDAY, the 10th February.

Members of the Society desirous of attending the Dinner are requested to notify the undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 6th February.

R. K. LEIGH,
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. [240

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [276

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [100

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1888 [2876

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 2nd February:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
M. LACAZE,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INGRBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
NAO. NABEK'RA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [280

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION. No. 73.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS will be observed at this Office and the Kowloon Customs Stations from the 28th of the 12th Moon to the 3rd day of the 1st Moon (30th January to 4th February, both days inclusive), and during that period all Shipment, Discharge, and Examination of Cargo will be suspended.

H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

Customs House,
Kowloon, 25th January, 1897. [275

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 26, HAIMUN, British str., 636, Milroy, Tamsui 22nd Jan., Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 25th, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Jan. 26, ROSETTA, British str., 2,039, T. N. Tillard, Shanghai 23rd January, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 26, EMPRESS OF INDIA, British steamer, 3,003, O. P. Marshall, Vancouver, 5th Jan., and Shanghai 23rd, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

Jan. 26, KWANGTEE, Chinese str., 1,505, R. Lincoln, Canton 26th January, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 26, CHINA, German steamer, 1,114, Voss, Saigon 21st Jan., Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Jan. 26, OLYMPIA, Amr. flagship, 5,800, John J. Read, U.S.N., Nagasaki 23rd January.

Jan. 26, FRIGGA, German str., 1,620, Jaeger, Shanghai 23rd Jan., General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Jan. 26, CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British str., 950, Knott, Singapore 15th Jan., and Hollow 25th, General.—CHINESE.

Jan. 26, FIREBRAND, British g-bt, 455, Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud, Foochow 23rd Jan.

CLEARANCES.

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IN his report on Queen's College for 1896 Dr. WRIGHT, the head master, refers to a falling off in revenue from fees quite out of proportion to the diminution in attendance consequent on the plague, and which, he says, "is largely attributable to the reduction of "the second and third classes by one half, "through causes not under my control." What are these causes, and why are they not specified? Are they connected with the abolition of the section known as the Chinese School, referred to in the next paragraph of the report, in which Dr. WRIGHT tells us that "by the removal of "these ten hours a week devoted to the study "of Chinese by the Lower and Preparatory "Schools an increase of three hours a week "for the acquisition of English was "obtained for the Lower School and "second and third classes?" That again is rather a puzzling statement, for if ten hours have been taken off the study of Chinese why should there not be ten hours, instead of only three, to add on to the study of English? As the Governor, however, in his speech at the prize distribution, stated that these paragraphs of Dr. WRIGHT's report referred to controversial subjects it may be that Dr. WRIGHT did not feel himself at liberty to enter into them so fully as he might have wished. However that may be, the result of the annual examination of the school would appear to have been above the average, a fact that must be recorded with satisfaction.

Leaving Dr. WRIGHT's report we turn to the Governor's speech, which is interesting if not instructive. His Excellency says he is not an educationist, but a plain practical man on the matter of education. We have yet to learn that there is any antithesis between an educationist and a plain practical man on the matter of education, any more than there is between a physician and a plain practical man on the matter of medicine, or between an architect and a plain practical man on the matter of architecture. His Excellency's confession that he is not an educationist hardly redounds to his credit, for education in these days is a subject which must largely engage the attention of all rulers and for the Governor of Hongkong to acknowledge that he knows nothing about it, however creditable the acknowledgment may be to his candour, is not calculated to increase the public respect for his qualifications. So far from being a plain practical man in the matter of education His Excellency impresses us rather as being, on that subject, a faddist. His chief fad seems to be that of sacrificing everything, in the case of Chinese boys, to the teaching of English. Every British subject must naturally desire to see the more extended use of the English language, and the object is one for the attainment of which great sacrifices might be made; but to deprive the natives of the opportunity of becoming masters of their own language is calculated rather to retard than to promote that object and to impede the spread of Western arts and sciences in China. We would like to see Hongkong not only the financial focus but also the intellectual focus of the Far East. His Excellency, on the other hand, objects to Hongkong educated boys going into China to take up positions in which they may exercise a beneficial and enlightening influence on their fellow countrymen; he would prefer that they should all remain in the colony. It may be argued, as it has been, that it is not the duty of Hongkong to pay for the education of officials for the Chinese Government, and on that point we would certainly be in favour of gradually raising the fees at Queen's College as the value of the education imparted there becomes more appreciated by the Chinese; but in the meantime it can hardly be disputed that the colony must greatly profit from the spread of European civilisation in China, in which the Queen's College has hitherto been no unimportant factor. The boys sent into China from that institution, even though they may not be engaged in commercial pursuits, must in fact act more or less directly as commercial missionaries and so promote the interests of this colony. The strength of the party in China which, without being revolutionary in a seditious sense, is earnestly desirous of seeing the reform and the opening up of their country brought about, is generally under-rated. Though at present the party is relatively small, both in strength and numbers, it is steadily growing, and it seems a narrow minded policy that would favour this colony's withholding from it any assistance our educational institutions may be able to afford. But Chinamen ignorant or imperfectly educated in their own language will be able to exercise much less influence on their fellow countrymen, either in this colony or the neighbouring empire, than they would otherwise be. On that ground we believe the abolition of the Chinese School in Queen's College and the reversal of the policy of the late Dr. STEWART to be a mistake. H.E. WU TING-FANG when a resident of Hongkong favoured the policy which has now been adopted under the Governor's directions in Queen's College, but we think Mr. WU TING-FANG himself, as well as the Hon. HO KAI, who holds similar views, may be taken as a striking example of the advantage of possessing an education in both languages. Neither of those eminent men would have been able to exercise a tithe of the influence they do had they received an exclusively English education.

The N. P. steamer *Braemar* has arrived at Yokohama and will leave there on the 31st inst. for Hongkong *via* ports of call.

The C. M. steamer *Golong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal yesterday, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th prox.

In the Rugby football match, The Club *v.* Navy, played at Happy Valley yesterday, the former obtained an easy victory, winning by seven goals to *nil*.

At the regular meeting of the United Mark Lodge held on Monday night, Bro. G. J. W. King was elected Worshipful Master and Bro. J. R. Grimble Treasurer.

A reception was held on board the North German Lloyd steamer *Prinz Heinrich* at Shanghai on the 21st January. The *Prinz Heinrich* is the largest steamer that has ever gone up to Shanghai.

The sixth annual meeting of the members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong will be held on Saturday evening at the rooms of the Institution. After the meeting there will be a smoking concert.

We (*Mercury*) hear that an official scandal has recently occurred in Yokohama and that a member of the Consular body, detected in cheating at cards, has been summarily dismissed by his Government.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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A telegram has been received in Shanghai reporting the loss of the steamer *City of Canterbury*, which left Liverpool on the 9th of December for India. The vessel belonged to the City Line, running between Glasgow, Liverpool, and India, and was built in 1875, her net tonnage being 2,223 tons.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps dance, which was originally fixed for the 5th inst., has been postponed until Wednesday, the 10th inst., on account of a dance to be given by Admiral Buller on board H.M.S. *Centurion*. We are requested to ask those guests who have already received invitations for the 5th to note this alteration.

A number of Censors and officers of the Six Boards in Peking are using strenuous efforts to get the Emperor to repeal the law allowing the purchase of official rank, such as those of district and department magistrates, subprefect, prefect, and Taotai, or 7th, 6th, 5th, and 4th ranks. The average receipts from this source by the Imperial Government yearly are about a million taels, and the Censors think that the stain on the dignity of the empire outbalances the advantages accruing from the receipt of the money.—*N. C. Daily News.*

The following is the programme of music to be played by the Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment at the German Club this evening on the occasion of the celebration of the Emperor's birthday:—

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Selection	"Der Bettelstudent"	Millöcker.
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Träumerei		Schumann.
Overture	"Flotte Bursche"	Suppé.
Entr'acte	"Rosamunde"	Schubert.
Selection	"Tannhäuser"	Wagner.

God Save the Queen.

A race was rowed at Singapore on the 15th January between a crew from H.M.S. *Pique* and one from the Austrian cruiser *Saidaf* over the same course as before, the crews, however, changing boats, with the result that the men of the *Pique* were the winners after a good race. The difference in time, however, between the results of the races showed that the English crew in the Austrian boat won by 45 seconds, while the Austrian crew in the Austrian boat won by 40 seconds. The crews therefore are about equally good and the real difference lies only in the weight and build of the respective boats.—*Free Press.*

It is not generally known, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that there is an establishment at Nagasaki at which inoculation for the prevention of hydrophobia on the Pasteur system is practised. The physician in charge of it, under Government approval, is Dr. Kurimoto Tomei, a professor of the Fifth Higher College of Medicine and chief of the medical department of the Nagasaki Government Hospital. We are informed that his treatment of cases of bites from dogs suffering from rabies has been very successful. If that is so, it will be a great convenience to residents in north and central China, Nagasaki being much more accessible, and having a much better climate, than Saigon.

H.M.S. *Firebrand* arrived yesterday from Foochow.

The U. S. flagship *Olympia* arrived yesterday from Nagasaki.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Tacoma on the 23rd instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 25th inst., at 8 p.m.

The E. & A. steamer *Airlie*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 22nd inst. for Timor and Hongkong.

With the increase of steam traffic on the coast the number of sea-going junks available in Shanghai and Sungkiang is less and less, so that when the deputies of the Tribute Rice Taotai of this province came to Shanghai last week to take an inventory of junks available for carrying tribute rice to Tientsin, only fifty junks were obtained against 126 last year, 192 in 1895, and 850 junks some ten years ago. Before this port was opened the prefecture of Sungkiang, of which Shanghai is a district magistracy, possessed the greatest junk fleet in the Empire, and when the Manchus in the 17th century invaded Fukien province, of the fleet of nearly 2,000 junks collected by them from Kiangsu province (including the Yangtze ports), quite 1,500 were furnished by Sungkiang and Taich'ang junk-owners alone.—*N. C. Daily News.*

In introducing a review of the work of the Shanghai Municipal Council during the past year the *N. C. Daily News* says:—The growth of Shanghai is not perhaps quite as rapid as that of Chicago in the days when a man who went to sleep at night on the open prairie would wake up in the morning to find a hotel built over him; but it is rapid enough to make a man who goes home on a year's leave rub his eyes when he comes back and wonder if it really is the same old mud-flat that he left a year before. He finds building going on everywhere; old houses and godowns coming down in the English settlement and being replaced by four- and five-storied buildings for which fabulous rents are secured before the foundations are finished; gardens on the Bubbling Well Road devoted to country residences for Taotais and retired Governors; the foreshore of the lower reach of the river where ponies were turned out to graze covered with great cotton mills; and the ice-ponds of Hongkew, where he used to get a fitful hour or two's skating if he got up early enough in the morning, transformed into streets of comfortable foreign houses, which are let before the plans for them are settled.

Stupidity and wanton obstinacy on the part of a quartermaster named Franklin resulted in his getting a biting rebuke from the Magistrate yesterday and a sentence of imprisonment which will probably tame his wild spirits. Franklin was a quartermaster on the P. and O. steamer *Canton*, and while in the wheel house he struck one of the coloured seamen, who, he said, was asleep when he should have struck the time bell. The fourth officer remonstrated with Franklin for committing the assault and Franklin said he would serve the officer in the same manner and he thereupon carried out his threat. For these two assaults he was logged and on the entry being read over to him he behaved in an insolent manner to the captain and was consequently given into custody. At the Police Court yesterday he admitted the offence when the charge was read over to him and his Worship sent him to gaol for six weeks. The prisoner then demanded the evidence of the witnesses and while it was being taken his conduct in the dock was very unruly. The evidence threw further light on the case and the magistrate altered the sentence to one of three months' imprisonment with hard labour. In passing this sentence Commander Hastings said it was men like the prisoner who brought disgrace on the mercantile navy and so let in foreigners, who were more amenable to discipline. The prisoner might misbehave himself in the wheelhouse, but he would not be allowed to do so in the Police Court. He was no good to a shipping company or to any body else.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 24th January.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.

The Niger forces have defeated the natives at Shonga after a sharp fight, and have destroyed the town.

EUROPE AND THE PLAGUE.

A Conference of the Powers on the plague will meet at Venice.

THE BURNS CONCERT.

The Scotch concert given under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society at the City Hall on Monday evening in commemoration of the birth of Robert Burns attracted a most enthusiastic audience and almost every item on the programme was encored. The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment was in attendance, under the conductorship of Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M., and opened with the overture to Macbeth (Hatton) which was spendidly played. Mr. J. Gilchrist followed with a spirited rendering of "There was a lad was born in Kyle," for which he was warmly applauded. The next item was a part song, "Hail to the chief," by a glee party consisting of Messrs. Mirow, Sliman, Measor, Mackay, Grimble, G. Lammert, Smart, Gilchrist, and Armstrong. The parts were well balanced and the execution perfect, and an encore was demanded, in response to which "Annie Laurie" was given, which was also warmly applauded. The part songs, it should be mentioned, were arranged for male voices by Mr. A. G. Ward. The fourth item was a song by Mrs. Vallings, whose appearance on our local concert stage is always warmly welcomed. Her selection on the present occasion was "My love she's but a lassie yet," and as an encore she gave "Loch Lomond." Mr. H. Goff's was heard to great advantage in his violin solo, Mackenzie's well-known "Benedictus," one of the few instrumental pieces by a British composer that have achieved a world-wide reputation. As an encore he gave a fantasia on Scotch airs. Mr. D. K. Sliman sang "Mary of Argyle" with such taste and feeling that the audience was completely carried away and the enthusiasm seemed to reach its highest point. As an encore Mr. Sliman sang "Jessie the Flower of Dunblane," in which he was equally successful. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by Mrs. Gordon's "Auld Robin Gray" and her full and rich contralto did full justice to the deep pathos of the song. As an encore she gave "On the banks of Allan Water." After the interval the Band gave a very pleasing selection, "Reminiscences of Scotland," by Godfrey, for which they were warmly applauded. Mr. Gilchrist followed with "A man's a man for a' that," and as an encore gave "Whistle owre the lane o't." Mrs. Gordon then appeared again and gave a charming rendering of "Afton Water. She was of course encored and in reply gave "Here's to the year that's awa'." Another part song was the next item, "Scots wha hae," the last verse of which had to be repeated. The Band then again afforded the audience a highly appreciated treat in Allan Macbeth's intermezzo "Forget me not." Mrs. Vallings next sang "Duncan Gray" in her inimitably fascinating style and as an encore gave "Whistle and I'll come to ye." Some of the younger members of the audience were unfortunately so transported that, apparently they could not refrain from responding to the invitation to whistle, which caused some little amusement but at the same time rather marred the effect of the song. Mr. D. K. Sliman sang "Draw the Sword Scotland," and was again loudly applauded; and the entertainment concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The accompaniments to the songs were played by Mr. A. G. Ward and Mr. G. Grimble. Those who were present on Monday evening will long remember the Scotch Concert as a most enjoyable entertainment and will hope it may be made an annual function.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NAVY V. ARMY.

A friendly match—five a side—of these teams was played at the Happy Valley on Monday, the 25th inst. and resulted in a somewhat easy win for the "Reds." After a generous luncheon at the Club House, tendered to the competing sides by a popular and leading exponent of the ancient game, and well catered for by "A Kan," play was started at 2.15 p.m. One or two of the players on either side were more or less out of practice, or the finish might have been closer, and we were sorry to miss the genial presence of the Captain of the Club, who was prevented from assisting the "Blues," his time being occupied in some intricate calculations of revenue derivable from light dues!

Another record of the green was established by Capt. Jones of H.M.S. *Grafton*, the "home" or ninth hole being financed in 2. The Navy *v.* Civilians are now even on records, and it rests with the soldiers, who embody some A1 and coming players, to push to the front and equalise matters: the nine holes are open to them all the year round!

The following is the result of the match:—

NAVY.

	Holes.
Lieut. James, R.N.	0
Capt. Ward, R.M.L.I.	0
Capt. Jones, R.N.	4
Mr. Keye, R.N.	3
Mr. W. S. Frowd, R.N.	0
Total	7

ARMY.

	Holes.
Capt. Phillips, W.Y.R.	11
Rev. G. R. Vallings	10
Lieut. W. M. Thompson, R.E.	0
Major Grant Dalton, W.Y.R.	0
Lieut. Howard, W.Y.R.	4
Total	25

Capt. Phillips negotiated his first round in 39, which, though not quite a record score, was a good return for a match game, and somewhat disconcerting to his opponent.

THE CHINESE POSTAL SERVICE.

The Shanghai Local Post Tariff has been fixed at so low a rate that the proposed charges by the Imperial Chinese Post seem at first sight excessive, but they bear comparison very well with the rates charged in other countries. The system of a uniform rate for the whole Chinese empire, whatever the distance, has been adhered to, the charges to all the open ports, including Hongkong, Macao, and Formosa, being:—

For letters not exceeding ½ ounce......2 cents
For letters not exceeding ½ ounce......4 cents
and 2 cents for every additional ½ ounce.
For post cards, each ...... 1 cent
For Chinese newspapers, each ...... ½ cent
For Foreign newspapers, each ...... 1 cent
For books, patterns, etc., etc., per 2 oz. 2 cents
For registration ...... 4 cents
For registration return receipt ...... 4 cents
For parcels: first lb. 10 cents, each subsequent lb. ...... 5 cents

The limit of weight of parcels is 11lbs., and the limit of size 2ft. by 1ft. by 1ft.

Domestic mail matter sent by overland courier to the North during the winter months is subject to the special tariff.

A note is added that in the postal currency $1=1,000 cash; and we understand that the cents mentioned above are cents of a Mexican dollar.—*N. C. Daily News.*

SOOCHOW.

We are informed from Soochow that the Settlement, together with the "Malou," is to be handed over to the Japanese authorities for their management, in accordance with the terms of the Shimonoseki Treaty. The Chinese at first tried to keep the control of the Settlement in their hands, but after much diplomatic measures, in which the Japanese persisted in having everything to themselves concerning the port, the Chinese gave way.—*Mercury.*

RAUB.

The following is the mining manager's report for the four weeks ending 8th January, 1897:—

To the Directors of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—I have the honour to herewith forward you my report for the four weeks ending on the above date.

Raub Hole No. 2 Shaft.—Everything has been put in order in this section since it was flooded in November last, and surface drains have been made in order to, as far as possible, prevent a recurrence of these floods, but it is extremely difficult to prevent them owing to the low situation of the surface of the land around these shafts. No damage was done to any of the workings below. In the intermediate drive the winze, being sunk to connect this with the bottom level, has broken through. This will enable me to work a very large extent of the ore chute and give good ventilation to this part of the mine. Work was resumed in the stopes over the intermediate drive on Monday last; there is still a good extent of good ore over this level to take out.

In the bottom level the drive going south is now in over 300 ft. from the crosscut. We have not yet cut the main ore chute in this level, but are expecting daily to do so. The formation is about 8 ft. wide, but no gold can be seen in it. The crosscut going west is now in about 90 ft. from the shaft in hard black slate, and is making a little water. This is a purely prospecting drive, but as it goes right under where some of the best of the leaders were worked in the old original Raub Hole workings, it will test them at this level 140 ft. below where they were worked. It is my intention to carry this crosscut far enough to test the line of the west lode about 400 ft. west.

Bukit Koman.—I am pleased to say that this section continues to develop remarkably well in all parts. In the No. 1 level going north I have stopped driving for the present, as I am uncertain whether I am on the true lode or not; for some distance the lode has been bearing considerably to the west, and is a good deal broken and thrown about. I am putting in two crosscuts east and west to test the country. That on the east is hard slate country with calcite leaders running through it; this drive is in about 14 ft. The drive going west is through strong quartz leaders, all of which show nice gold. We have driven 15 ft. in this leader formation, which I think is the same line as the new made cut to the west about 80 ft. further back in the level. From recent developments I believe the whole of this great body from 40 ft. to 50 ft. wide will have to be sent to the mill for crushing, as it carries gold all through it. A large quantity of crushing stuff has been sent from here to the mill during the past month. The whole of the backs for nearly 400 ft. to the surface are untouched in this end. In the south main level the lode in the face of the drive is fully 14 ft. wide, and carries good gold all through. Good progress is being made with driving this level, which is now in close on 600 ft. from the crosscut. In the stopes coming in over this level the lode still maintains its width of from 16 ft. to 17 ft., and shows fair gold all through. In the No. 2 (250 ft.) Level we have now driven about 150 ft. on the course of the lode. There is no change in either face; in the north it is about 7 ft. wide of solid quartz, and carries good gold. In the south face the lode formation is about 13 ft. wide, 9 ft. of which is crushing stuff and carries fair gold, the rest is being sent over the mullock tip. The whole of the stuff crushed during December came from this section.

Bukit Malacca.—The prospects in this section are not encouraging. As I had great difficulty in getting firewood to keep pumps going, I decided to stop all work here for the present. The bottom level south in the engine shaft has been driven in all 54 ft. Some very good gold was got, but of limited extent. There are about 200 tons of quartz on the surface, which can be crushed at some future time. In the small prospecting shaft, south of engine shaft, a crosscut has been driven east 57 ft.; two small leaders were cut, but carry no gold. West, a crosscut has been driven 71 ft., between 20 ft. and 30 ft., through an irregular body of quartz which is highly mineralized, but no gold could be got in it. This can be driven on further to test it on some future occasion.

Bukit Jellis Bosar.—The entrance to tunnel has been cleared up and re-timbered, and all is in order for stoping when required. There is a large quantity of ore, available in section for crushing, which I estimate will go from 10 to 15 dwts. per ton. I intend to sink a small shaft about 80 feet to test the lode at that depth. The tunnel is into the hill 396 ft. There are about 150 feet of backs available for stoping in the far end, coming to nothing at the entrance; the average width of the lode is 5 ft. to 6 ft. The tunnel can be extended a further distance of about 1,800 ft. and will have about 230 feet of backs to work in the highest part. The lode is 18 inches wide in the face of tunnel and prospects for about ½ oz. per ton.

Western Lode.—Since starting to sink, the shaft has been sunk 27½ ft., making total depth 35 ft. below the No. 2 (165 ft.) level. Good progress is being made, as the ground is favourable and the water not heavy. It is my intention to sink this shaft 200 ft. below the No. 2 plat, and to open out three additional levels. There is still a good deal of ground to take out in the old stopes, which can be taken out when required.

Battery.—This has been kept going full time. Three days' holidays were allowed in the mines, but none at the mill, double pay being allowed instead. On Monday, the 4th instant, the final clean-up for 1896 took place, the following being the results for the two months of November and December:—

November.—	Bukit Koman	1,125	tons
	Raub Hole	112	„
	West Lode	31½	„
		1,268½	„
December.—	Bukit Koman	1,129½	„
	Raub Hole	9	„
	West Lode	—	
	Total	2,407	

which yielded 1,806 ozs. 5 dwts. of smelted gold, being an average of 15 dwts. per ton. It will be seen from the above that the whole of the stuff crushed during December, with the exception of 9 tons, was taken from Bukit Koman. Considering that most of this stuff came from development work only, the result is very good and proves what a great mine Bukit Koman is. After a general overhaul of machinery and cleaning of boiler, crushing was resumed again at 6 p.m. on the 5th inst., and has been kept steadily going since. In closing the year 1896, I beg to congratulate the shareholders on the improved prospects of the mines for the coming year.

WM. BIBBY,
Mining Manager.

REPORTED PLAGUE IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, 18th January.

We have refrained purposely and, as we think, prudently from hitherto giving publicity to rumours that have been current for a fortnight past alleging the existence of plague in Singapore. So general, however, has the impression become that the authorities and the press are attempting to hide a very serious matter that it becomes necessary to allude to the report. It has been freely said that several cases of bubonic plague have occurred among the Indian mercantile community carrying on their business in Market Street. The actual facts, we may at once say, are that, during the last week or two, a few cases that at first sight bore some resemblance to the accepted symptoms of bubonic plague did occur; and the medical officers who were called in to diagnose the illness were a little suspicious that these might be plague cases. We are glad, therefore, to be able to state that, after a careful examination and close bacteriological research, the bacillus of plague has not been discovered. There is no plague in Singapore; and, as plague is not a disease that flourishes in the tropics or, at any rate, within a very extensive zone from the Equator, there is no likelihood of a visitation here. When an actual case arises and is indisputably certified to be a case of plague, it will be time enough for the community to feel any apprehension for its personal safety.

But though it is gratifying to know that rumour has lied in this matter, it behoves the Government to be in a condition of preparedness for the accidental importation of this dire disease. Singapore is, roughly, midway between South China, where plague at this season of the year is endemic, and Bombay, where it is now raging in epidemic form. There is always the chance, therefore, of a stray case or two finding its way into the port, and it might possibly happen that the local climatic conditions at the moment were not altogether unfavourable to the visitant. Experience derived from the plague as it appeared at Hongkong, and more recently at Bombay, can leave the Government no excuse if, by any chance, plague should ever get any foothold here.

No time should be lost in fully considering the course of action to be pursued if plague unhappily demonstrates itself. To be forearmed is everything in combating such a foe. It would be an immeasurable calamity to Singapore if it were to suffer as the sister port of Hongkong has suffered and as the great city of Bombay is now suffering. At the present moment, however, we can most emphatically say that there is no plague in Singapore; and, with reasonable precautions and prompt action, all danger of an epidemic must be most remote.—*Straits Times.*

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The *Empress of India*, with the Canadian mail of the 5th inst., arrived here yesterday. The following telegrams are from Vancouver papers:—

EXTRAORDINARY LAND SLIDE IN IRELAND.

Dublin, 28th December.

A family of ten persons and a number of cattle were engulfed by the subsiding of a bog of 100 acres near Castle Island, County Kerry, Ireland. It is stated that other persons were drowned at the same time and place.

The subsidence proves to have been a most extraordinary affair. There were terrible storms throughout the night, and about 3 o'clock in the morning the people of the district were alarmed by an unusual rumbling, which they feared was caused by an earthquake. The bog, which was believed to be 30 feet deep and which had long supplied the whole neighbourhood with peat, was moved several miles along an old watercourse, filling a quarry 20 feet deep on the way, flooding the rivers of the country with peaty water, and doing a great deal of damage. At the Donnolly homestead 10 persons have disappeared, leaving no traces.

Dublin, 31st December.

The landslide which occurred near Rathmore, County Kerry, on Monday, has not yet subsided. The bog is again moving towards the river, and there are fears of further sliding of the hill behind it.

London, 2nd January.

The weirdness of the bog slide at the Lakes of Killarney, which is the sensation of the week, is enhanced by a story that about a week previously uncanny noises were heard in the valley at night time, which the peasants of that vicinity describe as resembling the wailings of a banshee. These sounds it appears aroused a feeling of terror, and numbers of the peasants consulted their priests, who endeavoured to reassure them. The subsequent calamity, however, caused universal consternation among the peasantry, who are seemingly convinced that there was some supernatural connection between the two affairs. A great mass of bog, covering 700 acres behind the portion which has already slipped into the lake, has begun to slide and people are in dread of still more terrible avalanches.

DESTROYED BY A CYCLONE.

London, 30th December.

A Melbourne despatch to the *Times* says that a violent cyclone has destroyed the town of Never Tire, N.S.W. It is feared that several persons have been killed.

THE G.O.M.'S BIRTHDAY.

London, 29th December.

In his peaceful home, at Hawarden, to-day, England's Grand Old Man, Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, celebrated his 87th birthday. His natal anniversary found him in good health and spirits, surrounded by his family, and remembered by all his friends in various parts of the world, as well as by his fellow townsmen and the English people generally. Throughout the day, there was an enormous influx of telegrams from all parts of the United Kingdom, the Continent and the United States. The villagers gave a demonstration in honour of the occasion, by ringing the church bells and assigning deputations to proceed to the castle and give utterance to their congratulations.

CATASTROPHE ON A BRITISH SHIP.

Plymouth, 30th December.

An explosion of dynamite took place to-day on board the British *Delta* in this harbour. The vessel sank and two persons were drowned.

ANOTHER DUEL IN GERMANY.

Berlin, 30th December.

The details of a sensational duel at Stuttgart on December 22nd between Baron Hans Wagenheim, Secretary of the Prussian Embassy, and Count Wildemer Uexculls, Lieutenant in Queen Olga's Grenadiers, only leaked out to-day. The Count was the offender, having disturbed the peace of the Baron's household and was challenged in consequence. He received a dangerous wound in the forehead, but the doctors hope that he will recover. The Baron, who escaped with a slight flesh wound in the abdomen, had for a second Dr. Von Hollebeu, Prussian Minister to Stuttgart, Major-General Von Schott, Commander of Stuttgart was the neutral physician, while General Von Burickhardt of the Wurtemberg army was medical assistant. An interpellation will be brought forward in the Reichstag respecting the co-operation of these prominent men in the affair.

Berlin, 2nd January.

Dr. Nolleben, the Prussian Minister at the Court of Stuttgart, and formerly Minister to Washington, is about to be recalled and transferred to a minor post as a mark of the Emperor's displeasure at Nolleben's serving as second to Baron Von Wagenheim in a disgraceful duel fought last week near Cronstadt. At a convivial evening which the Emperor spent on Monday with the officers of the Berlin Garrison and his aides-de-camp, His Majesty spoke severely of this duel and the duels fought on account of escapades. Statistics just published show that the number of duels in Germany has doubled since 1889 and whereas in 1891 60 sentences were imposed for duelling, 107 sentences for the same offence were imposed in 1895 in various parts of Germany.

The feeling about the Bruzewitz case is still very strong. Some officers who entered two of the leading cafés in Breslau were greeted with cries of "Here come the Bruzewitzers." As a consequence officers have been forbidden to enter the cafés at Breslau.

RAIDED BY BRIGANDS.

London, 30th December.

A *Daily News* despatch from Odessa reports that the Caucasian brigands have raided a number of Government magazines, securing large quantities of arms and ammunition.

A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

London, 31st December.

The *Chronicle* reports that George Meredith, the novelist, underwent a severe operation yesterday morning, which has proved successful. Mr. Meredith is nearly 70 years old.

LOVERS UNABLE TO CONVERSE.

London, 31st December.

A Paris despatch to the *Morning Post* reports that the Princess of Chimay-Caraman is occupied chiefly with the study of the Hungarian language. Although she has lived with her gipsy lover for six months, they have been unable to understand each other's conversation, as he only knows a few words of French. It is said that the Princess will not allow him to practise on his violin.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

London, 31st December.

Among the New Year's honours announced is the elevation of Sir Joseph Lister, Bart., President of the Royal Society, to the Peerage, as Lord Kinnear. Mr. James Macpherson, ex-President of the Royal Society, Canada, is knighted, and Sir F. C. Lascelles the British Ambassador at Berlin, is made a K.G.C.B. (Knight Grand Cross of the Bath.)

Compared with last year's, the New Year's honours as bestowed by the Court have proved somewhat humdrum, the only innovation being the bestowal of a peerage on a medical man, which is quite unprecedented, the profession having long regarded it as a grievance that their claims were thus ignored. Besides the appointment of Sir Joseph Lister, Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen, and President of the Royal Society, to the Peerage as Lord Kinnear, Dr. Douglass Powell gets a baronetcy. Hon. William St. John Broderick, Conservative M.P. for the Guildford division of Surrey, and Sir John Henry Kennaway, Conservative M.P. for the Honiton division of Devon, are admitted to the Privy Council. A knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. Birt, manager of the Great Eastern Railway. There is the usual crop of officials upon whom honours are conferred which does not call for special notice.

SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOGEY.

A NOTABLE CONVERT.

Professional pedestrianism is shortly to be strengthened and adorned, it is popularly understood, by the inclusion of the celebrated London Athletic Club runner, E. C. Bredin. Rumour has been busy with his name for some time past, but it is only within the last few weeks that his intentions have been made known with respect to his voluntary resignation of his amateur status. In some quarters it is understood that his offer to run a match with W. S. Mills—one of the fleetest professionals of the day over a distance of 440 yards—has caused great surprise, his more intimate friends professing to believe that they entertained no ideas of his inclinations towards professionalism. So far as his conduct on the path in past years in concerned, I believe no word of reproach has ever been uttered, and even at the time when gossipers' tongues were busiest with the names of prominent athletes and their shady transactions, no one ever uttered a word respecting the bona-fides of the ex-amateur champion. This is certainly not the place to discuss the reasons which may have prompted the brilliant L.A.C. representative to surrender his amateur standing; we may very naturally conclude that he does not forfeit this without having fully considered the matter, and as he appears ambitious to test his prowess against an acknowledged champion amongst professionals, I consider we may applaud him for going over boldly and straightforwardly. It may be that one or two of his old acquaintances will be shocked, but should he happen to acquit himself with distinction a good deal of the soreness will disappear. With Downer, Cross, Mills, Bredin, Cressland, and Watkins to help the sport along, a new lease of life should be in store for the much-maligned pro., if only the men keep their heads straight and give the public genuine, honest sport. I have been surprised, and not a little pained, to notice the injured innocence air of one or two of the men who came under the ban of the Amateur Athletic Association. I mention no names here, but all those who have been banished from the ranks of amateurism must be fully aware of the evidence at the disposal of the authorities. This, I have been led to understand, was of the most convincing kind, and the A.A.A. officials had no other course open to them than the one pursued. W. G. George found plenty of money in professionalism for some time, and we must never forget that it was only after he had voluntarily abandoned amateurism that the world was given the marvellous record for a mile. It was Cummings, of Preston, who had such a big hand in the creation of that record, for had not the old Moseley harrier been fully extended for the greater part of the distance we might never have had the 4 min. 12¾ sec. for a mile. Bredin has already shown that he possesses both speed and staying powers—his victories in the quarter and half mile championships of 1893 and 1894 prove this—and it may be that the meeting with Mills will produce another such historical contest. Both men have shown superb form against our speediest runners, but perhaps the most strenuous effort Bredin ever made was in the championship race of 1895 against Fitzherbert. No sterner encounter has ever been witnessed over a quarter of a mile.

A.A.A. LEGISLATION.

It has long been a matter of surprise to me that the governing body of athletics should have made no provision in their laws to counteract the wiles of a rather numerous class of athletes who figure persistently as heat-winners in the events ranging from a quarter of a mile downwards. Some little effort has been made in this direction, but without success, although I am unwilling to believe that when the prevalence of this abuse is made apparent the Association will still remain quiescent. The runners who adopt these schemes for upsetting the best attempts of the handicappers are usually unscrupulous men, either directly or indirectly connected with betting men. Being in receipt of a big start usually, the winning of a heat in one of the preliminary rounds is an easy matter, and as they have no desire to win a prize which would reduce their start at the next athletic meeting—they never try a yard, as the saying goes, in final heats, and so retain their long starts. Of course, the handicapper is hoodwinked, the public deceived, and the sport degraded. By and by I expect to hear of another crop of suspensions, for there can be little doubt that there are plenty of our so-called amateur athletes at present in receipt of too much start in the shorter distance races. Of course, the question of proving the delinquencies bristles with difficulties, for your evilly disposed modern athlete possesses any amount of cunning, and is never very particular about breaking any of the commandments. Next season I hope to see these heat winners very carefully watched, and wherever wrong-doing is proved the Asso-

ciation may be trusted to mete out punishment with no unsparing hand.

ANCIENT v. MODERN.

Two little items of interest concerning our winter pastime have attracted my notice quite recently. Somewhere or another I have read of a team of old Internationals turning out to do battle against a Charterhouse eleven. H. A. Swepstone, A. M. Walters, R. T. Squire, Lord Kinnaird, C. Holden-White, C. Wreford-Brown, Captain E. G. Wynyard, G. Grann, C. Mitchell, W. N. Cobbold, and J. A. Lambie are the names which attracted my attention, as I venture to surmise they must have attracted that of many more. In another place I read of several Scotch players being suspended until May next for refusing to take part in a match unless a certain reporter were sent off the ground. These little items seem to me to be strangely at variance and one can scarcely help contrasting the old players with the new. Swepstone, the brilliant little goal-keeper, who has so often fought for the honour and glory of his country! Cobbold, that incomparable dribbler, who broke through the most stubborn of defences with his superb skill and perfect command of a football! Wynyard, whose speed, dash, and unflagging exertions always commanded the admiration of comrade and opponent alike! A. M. Walters, that sturdy, unflinching mass of humanity that was never known to quail in the hottest of fights! Holden-White, that neatest and sweetest of players in attack or defence! And so on, right through the list. Well, well: when one reads of the petty mutinies of these modern "giants" in Scotland, and conjures up the records held by some of the English worthies I have mentioned, one scarcely knows whether to smile in derision or to frown with utter disgust. Things are assuredly coming to a pretty pass in football when the aristocratic young gentlemen who draw princely salaries go so far as to object to criticism. The discussion of such topics, I am aware, more properly belongs to the sporting journals, but I do not care to let such puerile conduct pass without expressing my contempt. Nowadays I am rather afraid there is a disposition to underestimate the prowess and the influence of the amateur, but it should never be forgotten that the game owes a great deal of its present popularity to the efforts of men who in past years worked most unselfishly in its interests, and who are still prepared to wage battle if necessary in preserving its best traditions. It is many a long day since I last saw Swepstone darting hither and thither "between the sticks," but many of his most brilliant bits of work can be recalled on the instant. Again, who that has ever seen Cobbold at his best is prepared to say that professionalism has nothing to learn from amateurism. Indeed, it may be seriously questioned if there is a forward playing to-day equal to the famous forward of the Old Carthusians' eleven who started playing for England in 1883 and found a place in the team against Scotland in 1887. Yes, Cobbold was a prince of dribblers, if ever there was one. But take any one of the names I have mentioned and it will be found that each and every one has distinguished himself in the world of sport before many of the present-day professors were ever heard of.

CHRISTMAS FARE.

Ere another opportunity is afforded me of gossiping in this column another of our great festivals will have rolled by, with its joys and sorrows, its mirth and its misery, its brightness and its squalor. To our youngsters, of course, it is the one season of the year when indulgences are overlooked, and all thoughts of school lessons are banished. To paterfamilias it is often a season of some worry, for Christmas fare must necessarily be different to that of other seasons, and the difficulty of varying it occasionally crops up. We are all pretty familiar, I suppose, with the turkey, and have often wondered at the extraordinary stories related of its voracity. Let me record a few well authenticated facts concerning the Christmas bird. The turkey, as is well known, belongs to the granivorous kind. But let me quote Bewick, my authority. Birds may be distinguished, like quadrupeds, into two kinds, or classes—granivorous and carnivorous. Like quadrupeds, too, there are some that hold a middle nature, and partake of both. Granivorous birds are furnished with larger intestines and proportionally longer than those of the carnivorous kind. Their food, which consists, of grain, of various sorts, is conveyed whole and entire into the first stomach or craw, where it is under partial dilution by a liquor secreted from the glands, and spread over its surface; it is then received into other species of stomach, after which it is transmitted into the gizzard, or true stomach, consisting of two very strong muscles, covered externally with a tendinous substance and lined with a thick membrane of prodigious power and strength; in this place the food is completely triturated and rendered fit for the operation of the gastric juices. The extraordinary powers of the gizzard in comminuting the food so as to prepare it for digestion would exceed all credibility were they not supported by incontrovertible facts founded upon experiments. In order to ascertain the strength of these stomachs the ingenious Spallanzani made some curious and interesting experiments. Perhaps it will not be uninteresting to give particulars of a few of these at this particular season, as they concern the Christmas turkey especially.

EXTRAORDINARY DIGESTIVE POWERS.

It is related by Bewick, the authority I have already quoted, that tin tubes full of grain were forced into the stomachs of turkeys, and after remaining twenty hours were found to be broken, compressed, and distorted in the most irregular manner. In proceeding further, the stomach of a cock in the space of 24 hours broke off the angles of a piece of rough, jagged glass, and upon examining the gizzard no wound or laceration appeared. Twelve strong needles were firmly fixed in a ball of lead, the points of which projected about a quarter of an inch from the surface; thus armed, it was covered with a case of paper and forced down the throat of a turkey. The bird retained it a day and a half without showing the least symptom of uneasiness; the points of all the needles were broken off close to the surface of the ball, except two or three, of which the stumps projected a little. Another experiment, seemingly still more cruel, is related. Spallanzini fixed twelve small lancets, very sharp, in a similar ball of lead, which was given in the same manner to a turkey cock and left eight hours in the stomach; at the expiration of this period the organ was opened but nothing appeared except the naked ball, the twelve lancets having been broken to pieces, the stomach remaining perfectly sound and entire. After such extraordinary gastronomic and digestive feats as this the turkey ought to go up very considerably in the estimation of those very innocent poultry dealers who provide us with the toothsome bird. Distinct from the granivorous kinds are the carnivorous birds like eagles, falcons, hawks, and the like. These are distinguished by those endowments and powers with which they are furnished by Nature for the purpose of procuring their food. They are provided with wings of great length, the muscles which move them being proportionally large and strong, whereby they are enabled to keep long upon the wing in search of their prey. They are armed with strong, hooked bills, and sharp and formidable claws; they have also large heads, short necks, strong and brawny thighs, and a sight so accurate and piercing as to enable them to view their prey from the greatest heights in the air, upon which they dart with inconceivable swiftness and undeviating aim. Their stomachs are smaller than the granivorous kind and their intestines much shorter.

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Dairy Farm Co.	$5	$8, nominal
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$32
Green Island Cement	$10	$20, sales
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$30
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$130, buyers
Hongkong Electric	$8	$6.60, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$93½, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$34, buyers
Hongkong Ice	$25	$112, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$60, sales
Hongkong Rope	$50	$155
H. & W. Dock	$125	225 p. ct. prem.=$406.25, sales & b.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$177½
China Fire	$20	$106, sales
China Traders'	$25	$76, sales & buyers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$372½, sales
North-China	£25	Tls. 195
Straits	$20	$27½, sales
Union	$50	$235, sales
Yangtsze	$60	$155
Land and Building—		
H. Land Investment	$50	$78
Humphreys Estate	$10	$9.25, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$15½, sales & buyers
West Point Building	$40	$18½
Luzon Sugar	$100	$54, sales
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 500	$75, sellers
Jelebu	$5	$2.25, sellers
New Balmoral	$3	$1.40, sellers
Oliver's Mines, A.	$5	$5
Do. B.	$2½	$2½
Punjom	$4	$15½, sellers
Do. (Preference)	$1	$3.25, sellers
Raubs	18s. 10d.	$11½, sales
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$67, buyers
China Mutual Ord	£5	£2. 5s.
Do Pref.	£10	£7, buyers
Douglas S. S. Co.	$50	$61, buyers
H., Canton and M.	$15	$33
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$43, sales
Wanchai Wareh'se Co.	$37½	$43½
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$12½, sal. & sellers

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OPIUM.

		Allowance.
Malwa (this year's)	$750	2 to 4½ catties
Malwa (last year's)	$770	2½ to 4 "
Malwa (older)	$780	1½ to 3½ "

New Patna ....$676¼ ; Old Patna $678¾
New Benares ....$661¼ ; Old Benares $710
Persian, Oily ....$490 to $565
Persian, Paper-wrapped ....$480 to $560
Sales:—180 chests Patna and Benares.

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 25th JANUARY, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Tokyo	30.26	—	—	N	6	—	...
Kochi	30.34	—	—	E	4	—	...
Nagasaki	30.42	—	—	N	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Kagoshima	30.38	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	...
Shanghai	30.36	43	75	NE	3	o	...
Sharp Peak	30.31	51	79	NE	5	o	...
Amoy	30.22	61	77	NE	4	o	...
Swatow	30.22	65	—	E	3	b	...
Canton	30.24	66	68	NW	2	b	...
Hongkong	30.22	62	69	ENE	3	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	1	—	...
Gap Rock	30.20	—	—	ENE	4	—	...
Macao	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Haiphong	30.21	67	69	—	0	—	...
Bolinao	29.97	82	79	NNW	2	b	...
Manila	29.96	86	47	ENE	2	c	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	—	6	m	...
26th JANUARY, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Tokyo	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Shanghai	30.26	42	87	E	2	c	...
Sharp Peak	30.27	54	80	E	3	o	...
Amoy	30.22	57	81	NE	2	c	...
Swatow	30.24	62	—	ENE	1	b	...
Canton	30.26	59	82	NW	1	b	...
Hongkong	30.23	63	71	ESE	1	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	SE	1	—	...
Gap Rock	30.21	—	—	E	4	—	...
Macao	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Haiphong	30.22	61	85	—	0	c	...
Bolinao	30.03	80	70	SE	2	b	...
Manila	30.04	82	63	W	1	b	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	6	m	...

On the 26th at 11.30 a.m. Pressure has decreased considerably on the China Coast, particularly in the North. Gradients remain slight. Forecast:—Moderate to light NE. and E. winds; fine.

HONGKONG REGISTER

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.22	30.23	30.09
Temperature	62	63	65
Humidity	69	71	68
Direction of wind	ESE	ESE	ESE
Force	3	1	2
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 25th 64
Lowest open air temperature on the 25th 56
1—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahr. at sea-level.
2—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6—STATE OF THE WEATHER: b. blue sky; c. detached clouds; d. drizzling rain; f. fog; g. gloomy; h. hail; l. lightning; o. overcast; p. passing showers; q. squally; r. rainy; s. snow; t. thunder; v. visibility; w. dew (wet).
F. G. FIGG, First Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, 26th January, 1897.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, 26th Jan.
Barometer 9 A.M. ..30.14 Therm. 9 A.M. (Wetbulb) 59
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Barometer 4 P.M. ..30.09 Therm. 4 P.M. (Wetbulb) 59
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Thermom. 1 P.M. ..66 Therm. Minimum (overnight) 61
Thermom. 4 P.M. ..65

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

27th January to 2nd February.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time. h m	Height. ft. in.	LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time. h m	Height. ft. in.
Wed.	27	m 4 21	1 11	m 8 24	1 2
		3 44 a	4 8	11 42 a	—? 4
Thurs	28	m 6 30	1 9	m 9 3	1 6
		4 50 a	4 8		
Fri.	29	m 8 16	1 9	m 0 58	—1 0
		5 55 a	5 1	m 10 10	1 9
Sat.	30	m 9 12	1 11	m 1 49	—1 0
		6 50 a	5 5	m 11 48	1 9
Sun.	31	m 9 45	2 0	m 2 31	— 10
		7 41 a	5 7	0 46 a	1 7
Mon.	1	m 10 15	2 1	m 3 10	—1 9
		8 20 a	5 6	1 42 a	1 4
Tues.	2	m 10 43	2 2	m 3 44	—1 8
		9 15 a	5 5	2 36 a	1 1

The height of mean sea-level has been determined, from the tidal observations of 1887 and 1888, as 5.87 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Kowloon Tidal Observatory; and the Lower-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 3.87 feet above zero.

The heights in the Tables marked with a minus sign (—) are below Lower-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the constant given above.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Oceanien*, with the French mail of the 1st January, left Singapore on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 31st instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 25th November.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, with the American mail of the 29th ultimo, left Shanghai on the 25th instant, at 3 p.m. and may be expected here on, or about Wednesday, the 27th instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 16th instant.

The P. M. steamer *Peru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 7th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Arratoon Apcar* left Singapore on the 22nd instant for this port.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 29th instant.

The E. & A. steamer *Airlie*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 22nd instant for Timor and Hongkong.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The steamer *Glenartney*, from London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 24th instant.

The steamer *Macduff*, from Tacoma, has arrived at Yokohama.

The steamer *Monmouthshire* left Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama and China via Honolulu on the 30th ult.

The N. P. steamer *Braemar* has arrived at Yokohama and will leave there on the 31st inst. for Hongkong via ports of call.

The C. M. steamer *Pingsuey*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 6th instant.

The N.G.I. steamer *Bisagno* left Singapore on the 20th instant and may be expected here on or about the 27th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 24th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 30th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Deucalion* left Borneo on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 27th instant.

The D. D. R. steamer *Kriemhild*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 25th instant, and may be expected here on or about 31st instant.

The C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ningchow*, from Liverpool and Newport passed the Canal on the 19th instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 6th proximo.

The C. M. steamer *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 26th inst., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th proximo.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—29th Dec.—*Benmohr, Canton, Kirkdale, Normandie, Courie.* 5th Jan.—*Antenor, Maria Rickmers, Obi, Patroclus, Sikh.* 8th January—*Benvenue, Java, Templar.* 15th January—*Brecconshire, Tecakai.* 19th January—*Dardanus, Arene.* 22nd January—*Ixion, Palawan, Preussen, Agu, Candia.*
HOMEWARD—19th January—*Thekla.* 22nd January—*Gisela.*

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

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A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Danwongse*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Kwanglee*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Cebu and Iloilo.—Per *Kwong Sang*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.—Per *Haiman*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Frigga*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Tai Sang*, to-morrow, the 28th inst., at 9.00 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Verona*, on Friday, the 29th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore and Bombay.—Per *Brindisi*, on Saturday, the 30th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Changsha*, on Monday, the 1st February, at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Tacoma.—Per *Braemar*, on Tuesday, the 9th Feb., at 11.30 A.M.

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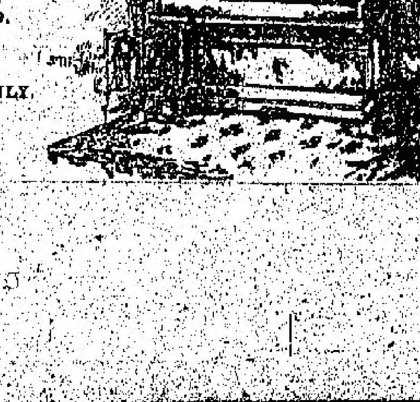

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before Noon on the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. [244

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, ex s.s. *China*.
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *Simla*, *Howshera*, *Naseri*, and *Khandala*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 29th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1897. [1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Italy ex s.s. "Sutlej."
From Madras ex s.s. "Goalpara."

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [1

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THE Steamship

"FRIGGA,"

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This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. [234

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To follow the S.S. "ASLOUN," "CLAVERHILL," and "RADLEY.")

THE Steamship

"MORVEN,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched on the 28th January, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [272

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [1

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 1st February, at 4 P.M.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. [259

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. 1.1. American Barque

"PENOBSCOT,"

Captain Maculder, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Hongkong, 30th November, 1896. [5

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Gardner, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [2924

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Proposed Sailings From Hongkong.

(Subject to Alteration).

Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday	2nd Feb.
Preussen	Tuesday	2nd March.
Sachsen	Tuesday	30th Mar.
Bayern	Tuesday	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Cüppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on Saturday, the 30th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on Monday, the 1st February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Monday, the 1st February. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed at less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [7

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.

S.S. "PORT ADELAIDE," to sail about 5th February, 1897.

S.S. "ENERGIA," to sail about 22nd February, 1897.

S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 7th March, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1896. [2598-2802

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will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th February, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [199

U.S. MAIL LINE.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Saturday, Feb. 13, 1897, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (v. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Tuesday, Mar. 2, 1897, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	Tuesday, Mar. 23, 1897, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "PERU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, and Northern Pacific Railways; also the Canadian Pacific Railway on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines. Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [3

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Bark

"SUMBAWA,"

Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [57

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c.	Rosetta	Brit. str.	Tillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON	Formosa	Brit. str.	Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 4th Feb.
LONDON via Suez Canal	Myrmidon	Brit. str.	Gardner	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st Feb.
BREMEN via Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cüpper	Melchers & Co.	On 2nd Feb., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES via Saigon &c.	Sydney	Fren. str.	Aubert	Messageries Maritimes	On 3rd Feb. at Noon.
VANCOUVER, v. Shanghai, &c.	Empress of India	Brit. str.	Marshall, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 17th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., &c., v. Y'hama	Braemar	Brit. str.	Porter	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 9th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., &c., v. Y'hama	Monmouthshire	Brit. str.		Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 13th Feb.
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai	Belgic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 4th Feb., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai	Peru	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 13th Feb. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	Matterhorn	Brit. str.	Williams	Melchers & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Sumbawa	Brit. bk.	Rehberg	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Penobscot	Amer. bq.	Maculder	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Benjamin Sewall	Amer. sh.	Sewall	Carlowitz & Co.	February.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Morven	Brit. str.	Ellis	Shewan, Tomes & Co	To-morrow.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Port Adelaide	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 5th Feb.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Changsha	Brit. str.	Williams	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st Feb., at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, Havre & Hamburg	Frigga	Ger. str.	Jagor	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, Daylight.
S'PORE, Marseilles, Havre, &c.	Senta	Ger. str.	Voss	Siemssen & Co.	On 6th Feb., at 5 P.M.
S'PORE, Colombo, Port Said, &c.	Strathtay	Brit. str.		Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 6th Feb., at 5 P.M.
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	Brindisi	Brit. str.	Wickenden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
Y'HAMA via Nagasaki & Kobe	Verona	Brit. str.	Tocque, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	Loongmoon	Ger. str.	Schulz	Siemssen & Co.	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY, & Tamsui	Hainan	Brit. str.	Bathurst	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	Rosetta F. N. Tillard	Noon, 28th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA via N'saki & Kobe	Verona C. H. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 29th Jan.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
S'PORE & BOMBAY	Brindisi T. Wickenden	Noon, 30th Jan.	Freight or Passage. (Calling at Colombo if sufficient offers.
LONDON	Formosa R. A. Peters	About 4th Feb.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [1

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, via CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and VICTORIA, B.C.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb., 1897
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 17th Mar., 1897
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1897

THE magnificent Steamships of the Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1896. [3

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, via THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS and ATLANTIC and OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Thursday, Feb. 4, 1897, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1897, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	Saturday, Mar. 13, 1897, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "BELGIC" will be dispatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [4

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A1. Iron 4-mast British Bark

"MATTERHORN,"

Captain J. Williams, will soon be ready to load for the above port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [55

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SYDNEY," Captain Aubert, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S.S. "POLYNESIEN," which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails leaving that port on the 11th February direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 2nd Feb. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. [2

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern Cities of the United States and Canada and to Europe.

HONGKONG to LONDON $400.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

HONGKONG to NEW YORK $350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The Yellowstone National Park route. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first class Atlantic Mail Lines.

HONGKONG to TACOMA $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application. *Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.*

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
(*Subject to Alteration*).

Braemar	3,601	Tuesday	Feb. 9.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,603	Tuesday	Apr. 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday	May. 4

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain Porter, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [9

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong, 1897.
(*Subject to Alteration.*)

Monmouthshire	Saturday	13th Feb.

Taking Passengers and Cargo for United States and Canada at through Rates.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"

will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in Quadruplicate, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the General Freight Agent, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. [248

STEAM TO NATAL AND CAPE PORTS BY THE NATAL DIRECT LINE FROM CALCUTTA

(Messrs. Bullard, King & Co.'s Line.)

THE Undersigned having been appointed GENERAL AGENTS in China and Japan for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS of LADING for Natal, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mossel Bay, Cape Town, Delagoa Bay, and Beira. Transhipment will be made at Calcutta.

Next sailing from Calcutta, S.S. UMLAZI 22nd December, and thereafter every three weeks.

For Freight and further Particulars, Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1896. [10

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A.I.I. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWALL,"

Sewall, Master, shortly expected from Shanghai, will load here and will be despatched by end of February.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [11

CRESOL-BLACKHEAD.

Most Effective and Best PRESERVATIVE for TIMBER against Decay, Dry Rot, and White Ants, etc.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., Soap and Soda Factory.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1896. [46

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Use 2 to 4 Teaspoonsfull in a quart of water.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1896. [47

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Teak Squares, Planks, Scantlings, and Boards.
Planed, Tongued, and Grooved Teak Boards.
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Hongkong, 17th July, 1895. [42

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. [2889

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SURGEON DENTIST,
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Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1891. [2175

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THERAPION may be procured at 2/9 and 4/- per package, of the principal Chemists and Merchants throughout the world. In ordering, the purchaser should state which of the three numbers he requires, and observe that the word "THERAPION" appears on the Government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground) affixed to every genuine package by order of Her Majesty's Hon. Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.

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Hongkong, 17th May, 1895. [1206

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$30...per case of 1 dozen quarts.
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1896. [36

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"Dear Sir,—I am a poor hand at expressing my feelings, but I should like to thank you. Your lozenges have done wonders in relieving my terrible cough. Since I had the operation of 'Tracheotomy' (the same as the late Emperor of Germany, and unlike him, thank God, I am still alive) performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, no one could possibly have had a more violent cough; it was so bad at times that it quite exhausted me. The mucous, which was very copious and hard, has been softened, and I have been able to get rid of it without difficulty.—I am, sir, yours truly, J. HILL."

A DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY.
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"Routh Park, Cardiff, South Wales, Sept. 28, 1893.
"I have, indeed, great pleasure in adding my testimony to your excellent preparation of Cough Lozenges, and I have prescribed it now for the last eight years in my hospitals and private practice, and found it of great benefit. I often suffer from Chronic Bronchitis; your Lozenge is the only remedy which gives me immediate ease. Therefore I certainly and most strongly recommend your Lozenges to the public who may suffer from Catarrh, Bronchitis, Winter Cough, or any kind of Pulmonary Irritation.—Yours truly
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SHIPPING IN PORT.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Altmore, British str., 1,497, Watson, Jan. 20, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Amoy, German steamer, 663, Wulff, Jan. 3, Order
Ask, Danish steamer, 654, H. Hygom, Jan. 24, A. R. Marty
Benlawers, British str., 1,433, Webster, Jan. 23, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Brindisi, British str., 2,265, Wickenden, Jan. 22, P. & O. S. N. Co
Canton, British str., 2,164, Cubitt, Jan. 25, P. & O. S. N. Co
C. H. Kian, British str., 956, Knott, Jan. 26, Chinese
China, German steamer, 1,114, Voss, Jan. 26, Siemssen & Co
Clara, German steamer, 675, Ipland, Jan. 24, Jebsen & Co
Dante, German str., 1,302, Koepke, Nov. 10, Wieler & Co
Devawongse, British str., 1,057, Curtis, Jan. 21, Yuen Fat Hong
Empress of India, Brit. str., 3,003, Marshall, Jan. 26, C. P. R. Co
Fatshan, British str., 1,425, R. L. Blight, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Frigga, German str., 1,620, Jaeger, Jan. 26, Siemssen & Co
Haimun, British steamer, 638, Milroy, Jan. 26, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Hankow, British str., 2,225, Dick, Butterfield & Swire, for Canton
Heungshan, British str., 1,054, W. E. Clarke, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Macao
Honam, British str., 1,344, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Hongkong, French str., 739, Bastian, Jan. 20, A. R. Marty
Independent, Ger. str., 1,063, Ahrenkiel, Jan. 22, Wieler & Co
Jacob Christensen, Norw. str., 1,088, Hansen, Jan. 21, Melchers & Co
Kachidate Maru, Jap. str., 2,143, Narasaki, Jan. 23, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Keongwai, British str., 1,114, Unsworth, Jan. 25, Yuen Fat Hong
Kwanglee, Chinese str., 1,505, Lincoln, Jan. 22, C. M. S. N. Co
Kwonghoi, British steamer, 419, Chinese, for Canton
Morven, British steamer, 2,860, Ellis, Jan. 22, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Nanchang, Brit. str., 1,062, Finlayson, Dec. 17, Butterfield & Swire
Oslo, Norwegian str., 778, Petersen, Jan. 16, Chinese
Pasig, British str., 284, Chinese, for Canton
P. C. C. Kiao, British str., 1,012, Pigot, Jan. 20, Butterfield & Swire
Powan, British str., 1,842, S. W. Goggin, H., C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Progress, German str., 687, Brandt, Jan. 8, A. R. Marty
Propontis, British str., 1,390, Farrand, Dec. 23, Chinese
Rosetta, British str., 2,039, Tillard, Jan. 26, P. & O. S. N. Co
Sabine Rickmers, Ger. str., 598, Sanders, Jan. 25, Arnhold, Karberg & Co
Siam, British steamer, 996, Messer, Jan. 20, Bradley & Co
Sallberg, German steamer, 782, Jessen, Jan. 22, A. R. Marty
Tai On, British str., 709, Galleouski, Chinese, for Canton
Tancred, Norw. str., 786, Kroger, Jan. 19, Butterfield & Swire
Trym, Norw. str., 710, Hannestad, Jan. 24, Order
Verona, British steamer, 1,950, Tocque, Jan. 25, P. & O. S. N. Co

SAILING VESSELS.

Coloma, American bark, 814, Noyes, Jan. 17, Captain
Fort Stuart, British ship, 2,312, Vanstone, Nov. 6, Order
Fred. P. Litchfield, Amr. bark, 991, Hardy, Nov. 20, Order
Galveston, German bark, 650, Petersen, Dec. 28, Wieler & Co
Glen Caladh, British bark, 466, Lamont, Mar. 1, Gilman & Co
John R. Kelley, Amr. ship, 2,255, Chapman, Jan. 23, Standard Oil Co
Lothair, Italian bark, 796, Ferretta, July 31, D. Musso & Co
Matterhorn, Brit. bark, 1,339, Williams, Nov. 20, Standard Oil Co
Penobscot, Amr. bark, 1,067, Maculder, Nov. 20, Arnhold, Karberg & Co
Santa Cruz, Amr. sch., 120, O'Keefe, Jan. 3, Captain
Sumbawa, British bark, 1,066, Rehberg, Dec. 27, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Tacoma, Amr. ship, 1,672, Gaffry, Jan. 13, Standard Oil Co
West York, British bark, 988, Davis, Oct. 19, Order

SHANGHAI.

In Port on 22nd January, 1897.

Albert, Norwegian str., 451, Johannesen, Dec. 8, Melchers & Co
Alice A. Leigh, British ship, 1,817, Rookes, Jan. 9, Standard Oil Co
Alice Mary, British bk., 360, Patterson, Dec. 10, Nils Moller and Sons
Ariel, Norwegian str., 954, Rafen, Jan. 11, Harling, Buschmann & Menzell
Benjamin Sewell, Amr. bk., 1,320, Sewell, Oct. 2, F. W. Styan
Canton, British steamer, 1,110, Wilde, Jan. 20, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Chingping, Chinese str., 1,049, Blake, Jan. 1, Carlowitz & Co
Chungking, British str., 801, Phillips, Jan. 8, Butterfield & Swire
Collingrove, British bark, 749, Brown, Oct. 29, Morris & Co
Comet, Nicar. bark, 763, Broadhurst, June 1, Morris & Co
Contest, British bark, 486, Sodermann, Dec. 31, Nils Moller and Sons
Diomed, British str., 976, Bartlett, Jan. 20, Butterfield & Swire
El Dorado, British str., 892, Tamplin, Jan. 2, Jardine, Matheson & Co
E. F. Whitney, Amr. ship, 1,307, Pendleton, Jan. 3, Standard Oil Co
Foiching, British str., 998, Warren, Jan. 3, C. M. S. N. Co
Fookyang, British str., 991, Anderson, Jan. 21, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Frigga, German str., 1,600, Jaeger, Jan. 14, Siemssen & Co
Fungshun, Chinese steamer, 868, Love, Dec. 5, C. M. S. N. Co
Fuping, Chinese str., 1,058, Clemens, Dec. 31, Carlowitz & Co
Glenfarg, British str., 2,350, Selby, Jan. 19, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Haean, Chinese str., 806, Wallace, Dec. 9, C. M. S. N. Co
Haeting, Chinese str., 1,099, Paramore, Jan. 2, C. M. S. N. Co
Hsinchi, Chinese str., 1,066, Patterson, Jan. 11, C. M. S. N. Co
Hsinfung, Chinese str., 464, Warwick, Jan. 16, C. M. S. N. Co
Kansu, British str., 1,158, Sommerville, Jan. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Kiangnan, Chinese str., 1,347, Inokay, Jan. 21, Order
Kingsing, British str., 1,045, Young, Dec. 30, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Kitty, British bark, 802, Maher, Jan. 6, Order
Krim, Norwegian str., 119, Irgens, Jan. 19, Paul Brunat
Kwangchi, Chinese str., 316, Frigast, Jan. 3, C. M. S. N. Co
Lienshing, British str., 1,049, Purkis, Jan. 4, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Luzon, Amr. ship, 1,339, Park, Sept. 19, Standard Oil Co
Meefoo, Chinese str., 1,359, Klopfer, Dec. 27, C. M. S. N. Co
Mirzapore, British str., 4,168, Jephson, Jan. 18, P. & O. S. N. Co
Nierstein, German str., 730, Sechstech, Jan. 10, Melchers & Co
Oscarshal, Norw. str., 2,000, Arnesen, Jan. 21, Greaves & Co
Poochi, Chinese str., 620, Froberg, Jan. 15, C. M. S. N. Co
Port Adelaide, British str., 1,715, Morgan, Jan. 10, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Prinz Heinrich, Ger. str., 1,200, Cuppers, Jan. 18, Melchers & Co
Rheingold, German str., 637, Gosewich, Jan. 1, Hopkins, Dunn & Co
Romney, British str., 763, Muslan, Jan. 16, Melchers & Co
Rosetta, British str., 2,039, Tillard, Jan. 1, P. & O. S. N. Co
Saikio Maru, Jap. str., 2,912, Conner, Jan. 19, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Sendai Maru, Jap. str., 760, Olsen, Jan. 21, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Shanghai, British str., 2,163, Dowell, Jan. 18, P. & O. S. N. Co
Store Nordiske, Dan. str., 590, Suenson, Jan. 21, G. N. Telegraph Co
Szechuen, British str., 1,158, Derby, Jan. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Taksang, British steamers, 977, Binuf, Jan. 17, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Tientsin, British str., 1,250, Dawson, Jan. 14, Butterfield & Swire
Toonan, Chinese steamer, 910, Mertens, Jan. 3, C. M. S. N. Co
Valkyrien, British bark, 498, ———, Dec. 15, Nils Moller and Sons
Willie R. Hume, Amr. sch., 589, Brown, Jan. 3, H. M. Schultz & Co
Wingsang, British str., 1,517, Sellar, Dec. 13, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Wooning, Chinese steamer, 746, Rep, July 26, Bonnertz & Co
Wosang, British str., 1,128, Roope, Dec. 31, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Wuhu, British steamer, 1,250, Benson, Jan. 6, Butterfield & Swire
Yungching, Chinese str., 760, Symons, Jan. 19, C. M. S. N. Co
Yungping, Chinese str., 567, Corner, Dec. 23, C. M. S. N. Co

NAGASAKI.

In Port on 21st January, 1897.

Fushiki Maru, Jap. str., 1,109, Giese, Dec. 17, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Geo. Curtis, Amr. ship, 1,950, Sproul, Jan. 8, Holme, Ringer & Co
Habarovsk, Rus. str., 1,107, Sheikhasheri, Dec. 27, N. Gray
Jinsen Maru, Jap. str., 1,433, Nakashima, Dec. [illegible], Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Kinshu Maru, Jap. str., 2,312, Tompson, Dec. 27, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Loksang, British steamer, 979, Leask, Jan. 20, Browne & Co
Novik, Russian steamer, 149, Maximoff, Dec. 13, Holme, Ringer & Co
Queen Olga, British str., 2,140, Harris, Jan. 1, Holme, Ringer & Co
Strelock, Russian str., 190, Brodehin, Dec. 13, Holme, Ringer & Co
Tairen Maru, Jap. str., 1,791, McIvor, Dec. 8, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Vladimir, Russian str., 1,101, Bellman, Jan. 2, Holme, Ringer & Co

BANGKOK.

In Port on 15th January, 1897.

B. S. Guan, British str., from Singapore
Brunhild, German str., from Hongkong
Baket Tinga, Siamese str., from Chantaboon
Charon, British str., from Singapore
Charon Watana, Siam bark, from Shanghai
Dean, British str., from Singapore
Gaspa, Norw. bark, from Algoa Bay
India, Norwegian bark, from Amoy
Keongwai, British str., from Singapore
Loyal, German str., from Hongkong
Machew, British str., from Singapore
Mentor, Swedish bark, from Mombasa
Mengkut, British str., from Hongkong
Ragnhild, Norw. bark, from Port Natal
Victor, Norwegian bark, from Beira

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Æolus, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain R. L. Groome, at Shanghai
Alacrity, despatch-boat, 10 guns, 3,000 h.p., Com. F. G. de Lisle, at Saigon en route Hongkong
Archer, cruiser, 14 guns, 3,500 h.p., Comd. C. E. Kingsmill, at Yokohama
Centurion, flagship, 41 guns, 13,000 h.p., Capt. S. H. Login, at Hongkong
Daphne, sloop, 14 guns, 2,000 h.p., Com. MacArthur, at Manila
Esk, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., Lieut.-Com. H. P. Barton, at Ichang
Firebrand, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 360 h.p., Lieut.-Com. V. Maud, at Foochow
Grafton, protected cruiser, 36 guns, 7,350 h.p., Capt. E. P. Jones, at Hongkong
Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. A. Gillespie, at Hongkong
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. H. F. Shakespear, at Hongkong
Humber, storeship, Capt. Frank W. Wyley, at Hongkong
Immortalité, armoured cruiser, 34 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. Ed. Chichester, at Hongkong
Linnet, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 870 h.p., Com. R. C. Sparkes, at Tientsin
Narcissus, armoured cruiser, 34 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. W. C. C. Forsyth, at Nagasaki
Peacock, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. St. John, at Nagasaki
Pigmy, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. C. J. T. Dormor, at Hongkong
Pique, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. A. C. Corry, at Singapore
Plover, gunboat, 9 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. De Horsey, at Shanghai
Porpoise, cruiser, 14 guns, 3,500 h.p., Com. E. R. Pelly, at Hongkong
Rainbow, cruiser, 12 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. W. C. C. Forsyth, at Singapore
Rattler, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Hon. G. A. Hardinge, at Hongkong
Redpole, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton, at Hankow
Solent, torpedo mining launch, at Hongkong
Spartan, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. Alfred L. Winsloe, at Manila
Swift, gunboat, 8 guns, 870 h.p., Capt. McAlpine, at Hongkong
Tweed, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., at Hongkong
Undaunted, armoured cruiser, 34 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. Hallifax, at Nagasaki
Victor Emanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Commodore Holland, at Hongkong
Wivern, coast defence ship, armoured, 10 guns, 1,000 h.p., at Hongkong

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